House File 360 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 360
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 123)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to school districts and area education agencies
- 2 that share operational functions by adding eligibility for
- 3 information technology specialists and including effective
- 4 date and applicability provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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      Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
 2 subparagraph (1), as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68,
 3 section 15, is amended to read as follows:

    In order to provide additional funding to increase

 5 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
 6 programming for school districts that share operational
 7 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision
 8 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director,
 9 information technology specialist, master social worker,
10 independent social worker, work-based learning coordinator,
11 special education director, mental health professional
12 who holds a statement of recognition issued by the board
13 of educational examiners, college and career transition
14 counselor or coordinator, school resource officer, or school
15 counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas
16 of superintendent management, business management, human
17 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance
18 for at least twenty percent of the school year shall be
19 assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
20 function. A school district that shares an operational
21 function in the area of superintendent management shall be
22 assigned a supplementary weighting of nine pupils for the
23 function. A school district that shares the operational
24 functions of an information technology specialist or an
25 operational function in the area of business management, human
26 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance shall
27 be assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the
28 function. A school district that shares the operational
29 functions of a curriculum director; a master social worker or
30 an independent social worker licensed under chapters 147 and
31 154C; a work-based learning coordinator; a special education
32 director; a mental health professional who holds a statement
33 of recognition issued by the board of educational examiners;
34 a college and career transition counselor or coordinator;
35 a school resource officer; or a school counselor shall be
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- 1 assigned a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the 2 function. The additional weighting shall be assigned for 3 each discrete operational function shared. However, a school 4 district may receive the additional weighting under this 5 subsection for sharing the services of an individual with 6 a political subdivision or another school district even if 7 the type of operational function performed by the individual 8 for the school district and the type of operational function 9 performed by the individual for the political subdivision or 10 another school district are not the same operational function, 11 so long as either both operational functions are eligible for 12 weighting under this subsection or the operational function 13 the individual performs for the school district is special 14 education director. In either case, the school district 15 shall be assigned the additional weighting for the type of 16 operational function that the individual performs for the 17 school district, and the school district shall not receive 18 additional weighting for any other function performed by the 19 individual. The operational function sharing arrangement does 20 not need to be a newly implemented sharing arrangement to 21 receive supplementary weighting under this subsection. 22 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a, 23 subparagraph (2), as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68, 24 section 15, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph
- 26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH DIVISION. (0b) "Information technology
- 27 specialist" means an individual whose assigned job duties
- 28 primarily include any of the following:
- 29 (i) Establishment of and enforcement of standards and
- 30 specifications for network computer systems and user support
- 31 for such systems.

25 division:

- 32 (ii) Development of computer systems applications, or
- 33 the development, installation, and maintenance of local area
- 34 network and mainframe computer systems or server environments
- 35 and user support for such systems.

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- 1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
- 2 importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 3 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
- 4 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, subject to the school
- 5 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.
- 6 EXPLANATION
- 7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 9 Pursuant to Code section 257.11, in order to provide
- 10 additional funding to increase student opportunities
- 11 and redirect resources to student programming that share
- 12 operational functions, a school district or area education
- 13 agency that shares with another political subdivision
- 14 one or more specified operational functions is assigned
- 15 a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
- 16 function. This bill adds information technology specialist
- 17 to the eligible shared operational functions and provides a
- 18 definition for that position. By operation of Code section
- 19 257.11(5)(b)(1), an information technology specialist is
- 20 assigned a supplementary weighting of four pupils under the
- 21 bill.
- The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
- 23 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, subject to
- 24 the limitation of Code section 257.11(5), which sunsets the
- 25 availability supplementary weighting following the school
- 26 budget year beginning July 1, 2034.